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SUBJ: CARAMANLIS ESTABLISHES MINISTERIAL ACTION

COMMITTEES

1. BY DECISION OF MINISTERIAL COUNCIL AUGUST 6, TWO THREE-MEMBER MINISTERIAL COMMITTEES WERE ESTABLISHED TO FORMULATE ISSUES REQUIRING CABINET ACTION AND TO EXPEDITE PREPARATION OF LEGISLATION. FIRST COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF MINISTER OF CULTURE CONSTANTINE TSATSOS, MINISTER OF JUSTICE CONSTANTINE PAPACONSTANTINOULOU AND MINISTER OF TRANSPORT GEORGE MYLONAS WILL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO EXPEDITE MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE ATTENTION OF MINISTERIAL COUNCIL AND TO ACT ON THOSE QUESTIONS WHICH DO NOT WARRANT CABINET'S ATTENTION. SECOND COMMITTEE DEALING WITH DRAFT LEGISLATION CONSISTS OF MINISTER OF JUSTICE C. PAPACONSTANTINOULOU, UNDER SECRETARY OF EDUCATION TSATSOS AND UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE A. KANELLOPOULOS. NOTE: CARAMANLIS DURING PREVIOUS GOVERNMENTS ESTABLISHED SIMILAR "EXPEDITER" COMMITTEES WHOSE MEMBERS APPEAR NOW AS THEN TO HAVE BEEN SELECTED MORE ON BASIS OF PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP TO CARAMANLIS THAN ON PORTFOLIOS HELD.

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2. NEWS MEDIA COVER ROUTINELY ABOVE ANNOUNCEMENT AS WELL

AS SEPARATE ITEM THAT GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO RECALL
ABOUT 1,000 NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL SERVING IN
GREEK EMBASSIES. NOTE: MFA CONTACT INDICATED REPORTED
NUMBER TO BE RECALLED SEEMED EXAGGERATED, BUT MFA
GRAPEVINE HAS IT THAT NEARLY ALL PRESS AND INFORMATION
OFFICERS SERVING OVERSEAS WILL BE BROUGHT BACK AS
WELL AS SOME STAFF AND ATTACHE PERSONNEL APPOINTED
DURING PREVIOUS REGIMES. TASCA

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